

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
GREENVILLE DIVISION

Jackie Williams, #231414,)
Petitioner,) C/A No.: 6:08-cv-03350-GRA
v.)
George T. Hagan,) ORDER
Warden of Allendale Correctional) (Written Opinion)
Institution,)
Respondent.)

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This matter comes before the Court on Petitioner's "Petition for Rehearing En Banc" and "Motion for Oral Argument." This Court, on February 26, 2010, dismissed Petitioner's § 2254 petition and granted Respondent's Motion for Summary Judgment.

Plaintiff brings this claim *pro se*. This Court is required to construe *pro se* pleadings liberally. Such pleadings are held to a less stringent standard than those drafted by attorneys. *See Gordon v. Leeke*, 574 F.2d 1147, 1151 (4th Cir. 1978). This Court is charged with liberally construing a pleading filed by a *pro se* litigant to allow for the development of a potentially meritorious claim. *See Boag v. MacDougall*, 454 U.S. 364, 365 (1982).

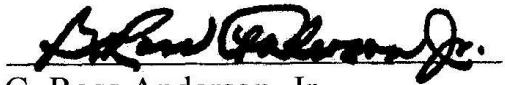
Based on the mandate to construe *pro se* pleadings liberally, this Court will treat Petitioner's petition for rehearing as a motion for reconsideration, as this Court,

unlike the federal courts of appeal, has no process in which to hear cases *en banc*. After a thorough review of the record, this Court finds that its prior decision was and is correct as a matter of law. The Court appropriately dismissed Petitioner's case and properly denied Petitioner a certificate of appealability. Consequently, this Court must deny Petitioner's motions and affirm its denial of a certificate of appealability.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Petitioner's Petition for Rehearing En Banc is DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion for Oral Argument is dismissed as moot.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



G. Ross Anderson, Jr.
Senior United States District Judge

April 6, 2010
Anderson, South Carolina